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Two Oshkosh overpasses will soon close for demolition

Construction on County K starts February 22 and Witzel Avenue March 1

(Green Bay) – The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Northeast Region Office in Green Bay is announcing construction will soon begin on the replacement of the County K (20th Avenue) and Witzel Avenue bridges over US 41 in Winnebago County. For safety reasons these two demolition projects will require full-freeway closures during nighttime hours and motorists are strongly encouraged to begin planning alternate routes.

“These overpasses are outdated,” according to WisDOT NE Region Director Mike Berg. “They were built decades ago and can no longer adequately handle the volume of traffic we’re seeing in Oshkosh.”

The overpasses are being replaced as part of the US 41 Project in Winnebago County and once reconstructed, will provide the required vertical clearances for traffic passing underneath on US 41. The Witzel Avenue demolition is a continuation of the estimated \$8.3 million project which began in August 2009 and County K is new construction valued at approximately \$2.2 million.

20th Avenue overpass demolition details include:

- Closing 20th Avenue on February 22 to all traffic between Washburn and Koeller frontage roads
- Removing the 20th Avenue bridge over the course of three nights beginning February 23, between the hours of 9 p.m. – 5 a.m.
- Full-lane closures on northbound and southbound US 41 during demolition between 9th Avenue and WIS 44 interchanges, with through freeway traffic detoured to Koeller Street

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Witzel Avenue overpass demolition details include:

- Closing Witzel Avenue on March 1 to all traffic between Washburn and Koeller frontage roads
- Removing the Witzel Avenue bridge over the course of three nights beginning March 2, between the hours of 9 p.m. – 5 a.m.
- Full-lane closures on northbound and southbound US 41 during demolition between WIS 21 and 9th Avenue interchanges, with through freeway traffic detoured to Washburn Street

Law enforcement will monitor traffic on the detour route and portable message signs are being placed prior to construction to inform motorists. During the remainder of the projects, US 41 may occasionally be reduced to one lane as needed during overnight hours and shoulders will be closed to facilitate construction.

All scheduled closures are weather dependent and subject to change.

20th Avenue overpass reconstruction will continue through June 2010. Witzel Avenue overpass construction is expected to be completed in September 2010. While these overpasses are closed, access for businesses, local traffic and emergency services will be maintained on the Washburn and Koeller frontage roads. During the closures of 20th Avenue and Witzel Avenue overpasses, motorists are encouraged to use either WIS 21, 9th Avenue, or WIS 44 to cross US 41.

ABOUT THE US 41 PROJECT

WisDOT is initiating expansion and improvement of 31 miles of US 41 in Brown and Winnebago Counties. The project will include road expansion to accommodate increased traffic volume, 44 new roundabouts, improved interchanges and expansion of the Lake Butte des Morts Causeway. Current construction information and details about the project can be found at [www.www.US41wisconsin.gov](http://www.US41wisconsin.gov) or by calling the project hotline: (920) 492-4120.

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